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WAGE POLICY TO BE APPLIED TO POLITICIANS AND SENIOR PUBLIC SERVANTS

MPs, mayors and other senior public servants will have their salary increases capped at 2.5 per cent, in line with the NSW Government's wages policy, NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell announced today.

Cabinet has decided MPs and senior bureaucrats should be treated exactly the same as nurses, teachers and other front line public servants.

"We always said this Government needs to make the tough decisions to bring the State's finances under control," Mr O'Farrell said.

"No one wants to limit wage rises for hard working, nurses, teachers and other public servants but it has to be done if we are to fix NSW.

"Our policy is clear - we will allow 2.5 per cent wage rises across the public service and rises above that level will need to be offset by productivity gains.

"However, if our front line workers are going to have their salaries limited to 2.5 per cent the same restriction should apply to Members of Parliament and other senior public servants as well."

The NSW Liberals & Nationals Party Room meeting today agreed to legislate to limit public service pay rises to 2.5 per cent for:

- All Members of Parliament and Ministers – including the Premier;
- All senior public servants whose salaries are determined by the Statutory and Other Officers Remuneration Tribunal; and,
- Mayors and councillors.

Mr O'Farrell said he wanted to send a message that all public officials would be treated equally under the wages policy.

He said the restrictions would apply to MPs basic salaries and Ministers' additional salaries.